

the Consumer Electronics Hall of Fame for his contribution and significant achievements to the industry.

As a local growing up in Scopus, Missouri, he graduated from Woodland High School and moved to Illinois to work in the steel and wood industries. In 1971 he founded Ivey Electronics to produce bookshelf speakers encased in a burn and spill-proof walnut laminate for the student market of Northwestern University.

Loyd joined the Consumer Electronics Association in 1974 and presented his first product there before merging with American Case Company to create American Acoustic Labs.

American Acoustic Labs became MiTek Corporation in 1979, which went on to become one of the United States' largest manufacturers of car and home speakers. MiTek has grown into a global enterprise with offices around the world.

Loyd has been married to his wife Debi since 1968 and is the father of two sons. He also serves as a sheriff's deputy and department pilot in Bollinger Country. It is my privilege to recognize his achievements and lasting contributions before the House of Representatives.

HONORING LUBA GLASSER

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, religion often has the power to inspire and motivate a person in truly remarkable ways that can shape entire communities. That has certainly been the case with Luba Glasser, a constituent of mine who has volunteered her time and energy for numerous Jewish organizations.

Luba was born in Moscow and immigrated to the United States with her family at the age of four. She was enrolled in a Jewish Day School so that she would receive a Jewish education, something she could not have attained in the former Soviet Union, and began to gain a love and appreciation for Judaism.

Luba's faith became the impetus for her volunteerism, which began in 2005 with the Russian American Jewish Experience (RAJE). Luba spent all of her free evenings and weekends helping the RAJE with the organization of their Shabbat and holiday programs, social events, and student trips to Israel, all while successfully maintaining a day job as a Real Estate Tax Consultant for New York Water Management.

In 2006, Luba joined RAJE as their full-time Fellowship Coordinator, where she was responsible for the student and young adult Jewish identity and community development programming. Over the next three years Luba staffed over 15 trips to Israel.

Luba's devotion to the Jewish community led her to return to school, where she received her LMSW from Yeshiva University in 2011. She then began working with Holocaust survivors at the Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island and joined the Northeast Jewish Center (NEJC) community, which became her permanent home.

Luba married Craig Glasser in 2012 and shortly thereafter became the proud mother of Aaron Dov. In spite of everything on her plate,

Luba continues to open her home to the community for Shabbos dinners, cook for synagogue events, maintain the NEJC website, and teach classes. She is a beacon of light for the NEJC community and was incredibly deserving of being the organization's honoree in 2014.

GENERAL LEAVE

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for roll call votes 46–50 due to a family emergency.

Had I been present, I would have voted no on #46, yes on #47, yes on #48, yes on #49, and no on #50.

HONORING MARGARET O. GRIFFIN

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, a life filled with civic engagement enriches the soul and has the ability to raise entire communities. Such has been the case with Margaret O. Griffin, better known to her friends and family as Ollie, whose dedication to the St. Joseph's Medical Center and beyond has had a profound and lasting impact in Yonkers and the surrounding areas.

Ollie was born in Yonkers and attended St. Denis Grammar School, then Sacred Heart High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Marquette University and upon graduation began working as a research aide at Sloan-Kettering Institute in Rye. After working for the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Ollie returned to school for a Master of Science degree followed by a Ph.D. in Biology from Fordham University.

In 1994, Ollie retired from research and teaching which allowed her to increase her involvement in community affairs. She served on the boards of Fox House and the Ireland Fund and was a trustee of the Woman's Institute for many years. Ollie was also a long-time member of the Saint Joseph's Seminary Festival Chorale, which she was privileged to sing with at the Pallium ceremony in Rome.

Ollie continues to be an active member in several other community clubs, including the Morsemere Garden Club, the Bonita Quilters, the Pelican Patchers and the Pelican Landing Singers. The highlight of Ollie's community service though has been her work at St. Joseph's, which began in 1993 as a trustee. She has served as an active and enthusiastic member until September of 2014 and made many great contributions to the center's development and success.

Ollie's other great passion has been her three children, Colleen, Daniel, and Katherine, who she raised with her beloved husband, William, to whom she was married for 52 years. She also takes great pride in her six grandchildren, Shannon, William, Jack, Michael, Sean, and Brian.

St. Joseph's Medical Center honored Ollie with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award, and

a more fitting honoree they could not have found. Congratulations to Ollie on receiving this wonderful honor.

LNG PERMITTING CERTAINTY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 351—the LNG Permitting Certainty and Transparency Act.

H.R. 351 eliminates the ability for Washington bureaucrats to needlessly block the construction of liquefied natural gas (LNG) export facilities. Once the Department of Energy receives an application and environmental reviews have been completed, this legislation will place a thirty day deadline on the DOE in order to expedite permitting. One month is plenty of time for a determination to be made once all studies have been completed.

Mr. Speaker, for the past five years this process has been painfully slow. Since 2010, the DOE has only fully processed five of the 37 applications received for LNG export to countries where a Free Trade Agreement is not in place. These delays have inhibited our ability to reach our potential as a global energy producer, and the bill we have before us will remove some of the burdensome regulations that currently exist.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 351 will help put hardworking Americans back to work. A NERA Economic Consulting report informs us that making the needed investment to construct LNG export facilities will put 45,000 of our nation's unemployed back to work.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation also has the ability to be used as a strong economic foreign policy tool. Less than a year ago, Vladimir Putin attempted to increase his power through force with the acquisition of Crimea and the prolonged stand-off in Eastern Ukraine. As a result, a number of our allies in Europe were placed in a tough spot because Russia is such a significant natural gas producer across the continent.

Despite the current economic woes that plague the Russian Federation, in order for us to prevent future aggressive posturing by Putin, we must undercut his ability to hold the region hostage because of energy. H.R. 351 will allow us to build our domestic infrastructure, which will give our European allies a place to turn in the event of future Russian aggression.

Mr. Speaker, for our own economic benefit, as well as the economic diplomacy that expanded LNG exports will provide, I ask all of my colleagues to support H.R. 351.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I unfortunately missed votes on January 27, 2015. I missed recorded votes # 46–48. I would like to